

SPEAKING NOTES

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Good morning everyone.

Bon matin tout le monde.

As we all know, a demonstration involving a large convoy of trucks is coming to Ottawa and will cause significant traffic and transit delays and disruptions this weekend.

If possible, residents should avoid unnecessary travel through or into the downtown core throughout the weekend.

Dans la mesure du possible, les résidents doivent éviter les déplacements non-essentiels au centre-ville tout au long de la fin de semaine.

There is a possibility that disruptions may extend beyond Sunday.

There is a lot we don't know about how this weekend will unfold.

But we do know that the City's emergency plans are designed to be flexible and adaptable to different situations.

While Ottawa Police is the lead agency in the preparations for this protest, the City has fully mobilized its own dedicated Emergency Operations Centre structure to provide support and to coordinate communications.

The City's Traffic Incident Management Group, which combines the expertise of City and police services, in Ottawa and Gatineau, have been preparing for different scenarios.

The City is working with Ottawa Police to develop the traffic and parking management plans, and updates will be provided throughout the weekend on our regular channels.

La Ville travaille avec la Police d'Ottawa pour élaborer les plans de gestion de la circulation et du stationnement, et des mises à jour seront fournies tout au long de la fin de semaine.

I want to assure Ottawa residents that emergency services throughout the City will be deployed and focused on ensuring that the safety of the public is maintained and that dedicated lanes are kept cleared for emergency vehicles.

If at any time you feel your safety is threatened, or if you have a medical emergency, then call 9-1-1.

In the meantime, the City is working with the Ottawa Police Service to keep the public informed on city-wide traffic and transit.

I encourage residents to follow the City of Ottawa on Facebook and Twitter to stay up-to-date on service changes that could affect you.

The City of Ottawa will also be providing updates and maps on ottawa.ca.

La Ville d'Ottawa fournira également des mises à jour et des cartes sur ottawa.ca.

For traffic updates, follow the City of Ottawa @Ottawa_Traffic or use a traffic monitoring app to check for traffic congestion before you travel.

OC Transpo buses and Para Transpo will also experience some travel delays, and detours may be required.

To stay up to date on transit impacts, follow OC Transpo's Twitter account, visit octranspo.com, or call 613-560-5000.

Thank you.

Merci beaucoup.